

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first paragraph, insert the following centered headings:

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### A. Field of the Invention

Page 1, amend the first paragraph to read:

The invention relates to a selvedge forming apparatus, ~~according to the preamble of claim 1,~~  
to a weaving machine ~~comprising a~~ using the selvedge forming apparatus ~~according to the~~  
~~preamble of claim 10 and to~~ and a method for forming a selvedge ~~according to the preamble~~  
~~of claim 18.~~

Page 1, after the first paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

#### B. Related Art

Page 1, after the fourth paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, amend the last paragraph spanning pages 1 and 2 to read:

To achieve this object, the selvedge forming apparatus comprises a device for introducing an end of an inserted weft thread into a subsequently formed shed ~~comprises and includes~~ a blowing device for blowing an air-stream onto the end of the weft thread being introduced back in the shed, whereby, in use, the air-stream is essentially directed back toward the beat-up line and the blowing device is arranged in the vicinity of the plane of a selvedge of the woven fabric so that it blow air against the moving direction of the fabric.

Page 2, amend the first full paragraph to read:

The selvedge forming apparatus according to the invention allows that an end of a weft thread which has been introduced into a subsequent shed ~~[[to be]]~~ is blown essentially

parallel to the beat-up line, with the result that this end will be woven regularly into the fabric. This is possible because the blowing device is arranged at about the level of the plane of the woven fabric, more particularly beneath or above the plane of a selvedge of the woven fabric.

Page 4, after the fourth paragraph, insert the following centered heading:

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 5, before the first paragraph beginning with "Figure 1 diagrammatically...", insert the following centered heading:

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Page 6, amend the first paragraph to read:

As can be seen in Figures 1 and 2, the selvedge forming apparatus 6 includes a device 20 for introducing the end 30A of the weft thread 30 that has been inserted into a subsequent shed. This device 20 includes a holding nozzle 23 which for holding the end of a weft thread that has been introduced into the nip 31 of the holder 32 blows[[,]] that end into a holding opening 24 of the holder 32. This device 20 includes a blowing element 21 provided with at least one blowing opening 22 for blowing a weft thread into a subsequent shed. In addition, the device also includes a plurality of blowing openings 25 and 26 which assist the jet of air from the at least one blowing opening 22. A compressed-air source 47 is connected via lines and valves 40, 41, 42 and 43 to the holding nozzle 23, the blowing openings 22, the blowing opening 25 and the blowing openings 26. The valves are controlled by a control unit (not shown). The abovementioned lines are partially formed by boreholes in the holder 32 and are designed analogously to PCT Pub. No.: WO 01/86047, in the name of the present Applicant. Obviously, the holder 32 may also be of identical design to that of WO 01/86047. The holder 32 is secured to a component 33 of the weaving machine using bolts 34.